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Isobel Strong, whose rooms in New York are described in the following ar-ticle, spent some years in Honolulu with husband, the late Joseph Strong, the artist, from whom she was subsequently divorced. The Strongs had a studio in the Parker lot on Nuuanu avenue, which was recently used by Harold Mott-Smith, Mrs. Strong was drawing teacher in the public schools of this city, during a portion of the Gibson administration. After leaving Honolulu she joined the Stevensons in Samoa, and made her home with them till the death of the great author. Mrs. Strong con-tributes articles and papers to the magazines and weeklies, which are mark-ed by keen observation and a vien of satire.

The description by a writer in The New York Tribune, of her home in New York, runs as followes:

There is a pretty flat in 36th street, the decorations of which are Samoan in the decorations of which are Samoan in style. This little place is the present home of Mrs. Isobel Strong step-daughter of Robert Louis Stevenson. The walls, book cases and tables are covered with souvenirs of her long res-idence in Honolula and Samoa, includ-ing the vector present is the honolula.

idence in Honolulu and Samoa, including the years passed in the household
of the famous author.

Conspicuously on a door hangs a
coarse blond wig, which was once the
head dress of a "beauty man," who is
a recognized part of every Samoan village. The "beauty man" is elected as
head of the community in peace and
war, and must possess both the physiwar, and must possess both the physical and mental traits necessary to lead-

A highly colored photograph of one of these men is owned by Mrs. Strong. She has also a picture of a "beauty maid," whose tact and cleverness as maid," whose tact and eleverness as well as her personal charms form the basis of her selection as official hostess.

A mat of tapa—the native cloth, woven from the pith of a tree—forms a background for various objects of art from the islands. It is painted with vegetable paints in crude designs that bear some resemblance to the decorative ideas of the Mexican Indians.

An artistic group of birds' wings a

tive ideas of the Mexican Indians.

An artistic group of birds' wings, a collection of the native comos, carved from wood and varying in inches from "three by five" to "six by ten," and a small but perfect canoe, made by a chief for young Austin Strong, are other items in the interesting array.

A clever arrangement of the hatbands worn by bluelackets is suggestive of Mrs. Strong life on the coast. The United States, English, Russian, German, French, Swedish and Chilian navies are represented, and even H. M. S. Kalmiloa, the one ship of Kalakaua's navy, shows as bravely as any in the group, Mrs. Strong prizes especially a band Mrs. Strong prizes especially a band bearing the name Vandalia. It was giv-en to her, just a day or two before the ship went down, by Paymaster Roche, brother of James Jeffrey Roche, the

writer.

But what Mrs. Strong thinks is the treasure of the collection is Koung, a little flat-faced goddess, said by antiquarians to be at least 3000 years old.

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Robert Louis Stevenson wrote several

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote several little poems to the goddess. One, written in behalf of Mrs. Strong's son when going away to school for the first time,

A little fellow, putting forth alone. Upon his first adventure, begs Koung To guard his little fortunes and bring

A more material offering from Mr. Stevenson was a tooth of a shark which

countenance on its face.

Mrs. Strong was her stepfather's amanuensis. The manuscript of "Weir of Hermiston" is owned by her, having been given to her by Mr. Stevenson's

llterary executor. Mrs. Strong was the Belle of the "Vallima Letters." In answer to numerous requests from literary clubs and societies, she is now preparing an informal lecture on the home life of Mr. Stevenson.

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